

of Captain Mueller, Major Ward having been killed on the 9th, and was on the eve of entering the Bois des Manheulles to establish the front line when the bugle sounded for the cessation of hostilities at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Then suddenly there prevailed a deep silence of the great war machinery, the feeling and impression of which could not be expressed in words. After a few minutes some thirty or more accompanied the Red Cross men with white handkerchief flags, penetrated the woods and searched the battlefields of the preceding days for the dead, which met with a very friendly reception from the Germans. They wished very much to fraternize, exchange cigarettes, hardtacks and show the Americans how well fixed they were behind the lines.

During the three days stirring action "K" Company had advanced five and a half kilometres, which was farther than any other outfit of the Regiment and as far as any in the Division, having sustained a loss of two killed and twenty-four wounded.

The Company spent the night and the next day on the hillside adjoining the woods, where in the early part of the war was fought one of the firecest battles of the Verdun sector. Tents were stretched for the night in mud with raincoat and blanket for a bed. When darkness approached the German front lines from right to left were easily distinguished, for they, rejoicing over the ending of hostilities, illuminated the sky with rockets and flares of every imaginable color, which made a remarkable spectral beauty.